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Remarks

This paper is in response to the Final Official Action dated March 2, 2005, for the above-identified application. A response to the office action was originally due on June 2, 2005. Applicants are filing this response with a request for a two-month extension of time, thus making this paper timely if sent on or before the new filing date of August 2, 2005.

Claims 1-22, 25 and 26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-22, 25 and 26 are objected to. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13. Claims 25 and 26 have been canceled. No new subject matter has been added to the subject application with the filing of this response. Applicants reserve their right to file divisional applications on the subject matter that has been subject to restriction and continuation applications on the subject matter that has been deleted out of all currently amended claims.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner stated that the applicants' election with traverse of group I is acknowledged. The Examiner stated that R¹ was expanded to be as given in claim 13 without the general terms such as heteroaryls. Because of the suggested amendment to claim 1, applicants have amended claim 13 so that it now is dependent on claim 12, rather than claim 1. Applicants have amended claim 1 as requested by the Examiner, thus obviating any objections. Further, as the compound claims are now longer objectionable, applicants respectfully request the rejoinder of those method claims based on the now non-objected to compound claims, i.e., method claims 18, 19 and 21-24.

Therefore, applicants respectfully suggest that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

35 USC §112 and Rejoinder Issue

The Examiner stated that, unlike claims 18, 19, 21-24, claims 25 and 26 were not being rejoined because they have other §112 issues.

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In response, applicants have canceled claims 25 and 26 Applicants therefore, respectfully request the withdrawal of this objection.

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the above response, applicants have sufficiently addressed the Examiner's objections and that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

If any additional fees, other than the appropriate extension of fees, are determined to be due by this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from **Account No. 19-0365**.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney on any matter connected with this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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